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# THE NEW BLACK GRAPE

## "SUPERB"

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**FOUND AT LAST!** What I have been looking for, for several years. A grape of the **very best quality, a good keeper and shipper, hardy and productive**, a good grower, that starts late and ripens early.

I think the Superb Grape fills the bill exactly.

**HISTORY.**—It is of my own raising, from the seed of the Eumelan, planted in the Spring of 1880, at South Weymouth, Mass.

It bore its first fruit in 1882 In the Fall of the same year I brought it to Georgia with me, where it has continued to improve every year until I think it is the **BEST** native grape I have ever seen.

**DESCRIPTION.**—Vine hardy and a good grower, with short jointed, stocky fine grained wood; leaf large, thick, dark green and very healthy; bunch large, berry medium; color black with blue bloom; seeds medium; quality **SUPERB**, **BEST** sweet and rich; flavor pure and delightful; not a particle of acrid taste in the seeds or skin; pulp tender, brittle, juicy; skin thin, but tough, flesh firm next to the skin; a little similar to the Malaga, does not crack nor drop.

**IT IS VERY PRODUCTIVE.** I have had 8 pounds on a one year graft. It starts late, thus escaping late Spring frosts. It ripens early, two week earlier than the Concord, ripening here about the 10th to 15th of July. It is an excellent keeper and shipper: best of all.

In order that Nurserymen, Vineyardests and others that are interested in grapes may try them, I will send samples on receipt of stamps to prepay postage on them. Was on exhibition at Horticultural Hall, Worlds' Fair.

The vines will be ready for delivery in the Fall of 1897 if nothing prevents. Orders will be booked from now on. Price—1 year, No. 1, \$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen; \$20.00 per 100. Two years, No. 1., \$1.25 each; \$12.00 per dozen, \$100 per 100. A liberal discount will be made to the trade.

Please give me the place of meeting of your State Horticultural, and Agricultural Fair, with the address of the Secretary.

I would be glad to have you make me a visit and see my grapes when ripe; I think it will pay you to do so.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.  
FROM REPORT OF THE PROMOLOGIST  
FOR 1891.

## "GRAPES."

**Superb.** (A. F. Rice, Griswoldville, Ga.) Bunch, large to very large; cluster shouldered and much divided at base, terminating in a very slender tip; many berries abortive; berry, round, medium, black with blue bloom; skin, medium thick, very tough; pulp, firm, so that berry is hard even when ripe; pulp readily dissolves; rich, juicy, sweet; no bitterness or acridity; quality excellent.

LITTLE SILVER, N. J., July 28th, 1892.

MR. A. F. RICE, Esq., Griswoldville, Ga. Dear Sir:—The basket of grapes you so kindly sent, arrived in good condition, thus proving their excellent shipping quality. The Superb was truly superb, both in size of cluster and quality of fruit.

Yours truly, J. T. LOVETT Co.

TIFTON, Ga., Aug. 13th, 1892.

A. F. RICE, Esq., Griswoldville, Ga. Dear Sir:—Your letter and basket of grapes came safely to hand. I think the grapes very fine, and properly named as they are certainly superb.

Yours truly, W. O. TIFT.

FRANKLIN GROVE, Lee Co., Ill., Sept. 2, '92.

A. F. RICE, Griswoldville, Ga., Dear Sir:—The grapes arrived in good order, and my friends say they are superb. I think they are very fine.

Respectfully yours, N. A. WHITNEY.

ELGIN, Ill., Jan. 17th, 1893.

A. F. RICE, Griswoldville, Ga., Dear Sir:—Replying to your card, will say that I received the basket of grapes in fine condition. I was camping at Pistagua Lake, taking a summer vacation, the basket was forwarded to me there, and you can imagine a basket of grapes of as fine quality as they were, were a treat while camping out. Please accept thanks for them. If the grape is hardy there is no doubt but that it should be largely cultivated.

Yours respectfully, E. H. RICKER, Mgr.

POMONA, N. C., Aug. 7th, 1891.

MR. A. F. RICE, Griswoldville, Ga.—Dear Sir: The box of Superb grapes received. They were a fine quality, of the best. I called the attention of all nurserymen and fruit growers to them, and all expressed themselves thus, as being of the best, and appearances show they will be splendid shippers. Yours truly,

J. VAN LINDLEY.

## FINE GRAPES.

There are many choice varieties of grapes raised around Macon, but none have been to this market which surpass or hardly compare with the "Superb" raised by Mr. A. F. Rice, of Griswoldville. This grape has been propagated by Mr. Rice and is as finely flavored as any grape we have ever seen, while the bunches are simply perfect.—Macon Telegraph.

BUSHEBERG, JEFFERSON CO., Mo., Aug. 10, 1891.—A. F. RICE, Esq., Griswoldville, Ga. Dear Sir: We have received from you a basket with "Superb" grapes and thank you for your kind attention. We think the name you have given this grape most appropriate, for it is indeed superb, and in quality fully equals, if it does not surpass its parent the Eumelan, and so far as we can judge from the samples sent it surpasses it in size of bunch and berry. The three bunches taken from a grafted vine were especially fine. Very truly yours,

BUSH & SON & MEISSNER.

FREDONIA, N. Y., Aug. 15th, 1891.

A. F. RICE, Griswoldville, Ga., Dear Sir:—We received the grapes you sent us by express in good condition. The Superb seems to be a hardy variety of good quality, and on account of its thick skin bearing transportation well. It also appears to hang firmly to the stem. Judging from the color of the juice of those sent us, we should think it would be a valuable grape for dark colored wine.

Yours truly, T. S. HUBBARD Co.  
E. H. PRATT, Sect'y.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 5th, 1892.

MR. A. F. RICE, Griswoldville, Ga.—Dear Sir: Yours of the 29th received, also sample basket of grapes. They are certainly handsome and of excellent quality, and we are much obliged to you for your courtesy. Yours truly,

CHASE BROTHERS' Co.

DELAWARE, OHIO, Aug. 3d, 1893.

MR. A. F. RICE, Griswoldville, Ga.—Dear Sir: The sample of Superb grapes came yesterday. The grapes are rarely fine. It is one of the best grapes sent me in several years. GEO. W. CAMPBELL.

DUBLIN, GA., August 27th, 1895.

MR. A. F. RICE, Griswoldville, Ga.—Dear Sir: I received the sample basket of your "Superb" grapes. I consider it a first-class grape and the quality excellent and comes up to your description.

MONTROSE FRUIT FARM,  
JOHN M. STUBBS, Prop'r,



### A NEW GRAPE.

We have received from Mr. A. F. Rice of Griswoldville, Ga., (near Macon) a basket of most delicious grapes which he calls the "Superb," and the name correctly describes them.—Southern Cultivator and Dixie Farmer.

TALLAPOOSA, GA., August 21st, 1895.

MR. A. F. RICE, Griswoldville, Ga.—Dear Sir: The grapes came to hand to-day, in fine condition, and we find them true to description. Thanking you for your courtesy, we remain, respectfully,

GEORGIA FRUIT GROWING AND  
WINERY ASSOCIATION,

Per N. C. MATTHEWS, Secretary,

CHICAGO, ILLS., August 3d, 1892.

A. F. RICE, Griswoldville, Ga.—Dear Sir: We are much pleased with the samples of your new grape sent us.

Yours truly, J. C. VAUGHN.

THADMER, OHIO, August 27th, 1892.

A. F. RICE, Griswoldville, Ga.—Dear Sir: I received the basket of Superb grapes early in July. They were very fine indeed, both in appearance and quality, and well merit the name "Superb." Yours truly,

N. H. ALBAUGH.

DANVILLE, GA., August 28th, 1895.

MR. A. F. RICE, Griswoldville, Ga.—Dear Sir: We received sample basket of your Superb grapes and pronounce them excellent and fully up to your description.

HUGHES NURSERY AND ORCHARD CO.,  
By DUDLEY W. HUGHES, Pres't.

## Don't Fail to Plant the Superb.

After testing the Superb Grape for fifteen years, I am satisfied that it is the best grape for all purposes that I have ever seen.

Are you not going to plant the Superb? You need it.

1st. Because it is of most excellent quality.

2d. It is a SURE BEARER. It bore a good crop in 1894, while most all others were killed to the ground except Norton.

3d. It is very productive.

4th. It is far the BEST KEEPER AND SHIPPER OF ALL.

5th. It sells for from two to three times as much as Concord or Norton.

6th. At the late World's Fair, in Chicago, the Commissioner of the French government pronounced it the best native grape he had seen for a choice Red Wine.

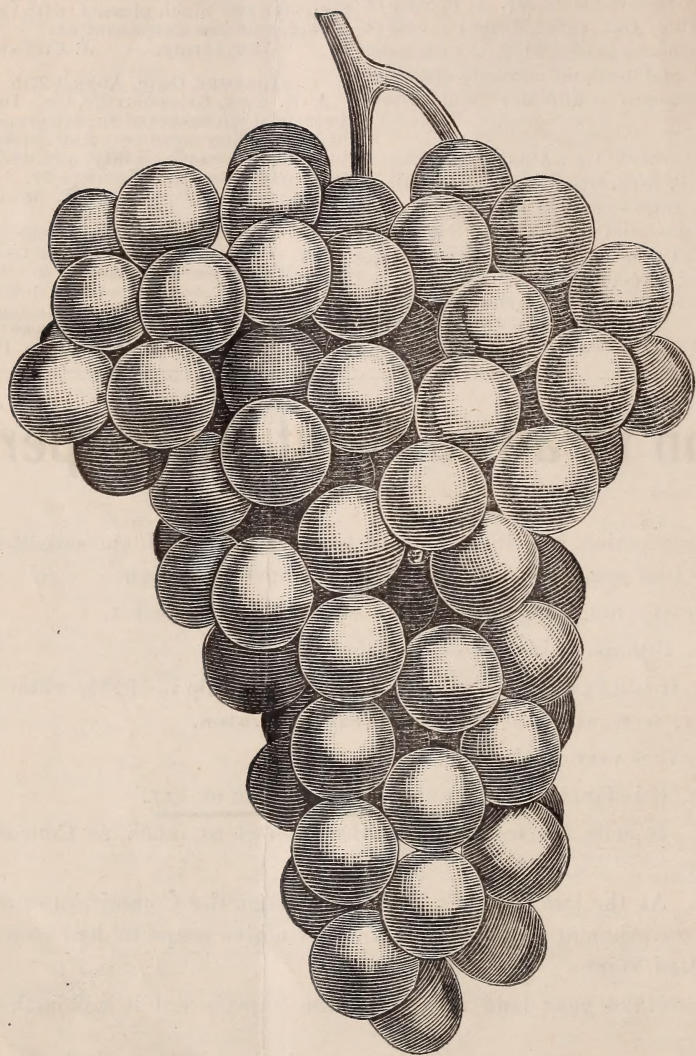
7th. Make your land rich, plant the Superb and it will make you rich.

Now is a good time to raise a club and get the Superb by the dozen and 100 rates.

**A. F. RICE,**

Griswoldville, Jones County, Ga.

*I think it, by far the best  
grape yet introduced*



❖ **“SUPERB” GRAPE.** ❖

(Three Quarters Natural Size.)